



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

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Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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## Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: July 10, 2007  
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)  
FROM: Ken MacDonald, CBFWA Staff  
SUBJECT: June 19-21, 2007 WAC Meeting Action Notes

## Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting June 19-21, 2007 Enterprise, OR

On June 19, 2007, a small work group met to further develop background papers and recommendations in preparation for the July MAG Amendment Workshop. The group shared their progress during the June 20, 2007 meeting.

The support material and reference documents for the meeting will be posted at <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=WAC&meeting=all>

### Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** June 19 - Ken MacDonald, Loren Kronemann, Angela Sondenaar (NPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Michael Pope (ODFW), Matt Berger, Richard Whitney (CCT)

June 20 - Ken MacDonald, Brian Lipscomb (CBFWA), Loren Kronemann, Angela Sondenaar (NPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Michael Pope (ODFW), Matt Berger, Richard Whitney (CCT), David Speten, Jason Kesling (BPT), Mike Hansen (ODFW), Phil Shepard (TNC)

June 21- Ken MacDonald, Brian Lipscomb (CBFWA), Loren Kronemann, Angela Sondenaar (NPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Michael Pope (ODFW), David Speten, Jason Kesling (BPT)

**By Phone:** No phone bridge was provided

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
	Objective 2. Technical Review	%
	Objective 3. Presentation	%

### June 19 WAC Working Meeting

#### ITEM 1: Amendment White papers

Discussion: Using the draft RM&E amendment white paper as an example, an outline was developed to be used as a template for the other white papers being developed by the WAC in preparation for the July MAG amendment workshop. The outline includes Background and Justification, Current Status, Suggested Framework for Revised Amendments, and New Language. A general outline of topics for biological objectives was also discussed.

**ACTION:** The following individuals were assigned to re-draft the white papers into the new outline format. Drafts are due to Ken MacDonald by June 13.

Michael Pope – RM&E

Carl Scheeler – O&M

Ken MacDonald – Place Scott Soult's Crediting paper into new format.

Scott Soult's – Biological objectives

In addition, Matt Berger will prepare a background paper describing the history of the Wildlife program that will support the other papers.

### **June 20-21 WAC Meeting**

#### **ITEM 2: Review and Approve May 25 Action Notes and June Agenda**

**ACTION:** The May 25, 2007 WAC Meeting action notes and June agenda were approved with no discussion. It was noted, the BPA is revamping PISCES to track crediting. This will be an agenda topic at the August WAC meeting. Michael Pope also gave an update on the work with IEAB. The WAC needs to provide feedback on program definitions as proposed by the resident and anadromous fish committees. The definitions will be sent out with the meeting notes.

#### **ITEM 3: Status of the Resources Report (SOTR)**

**Discussion:** The draft format for the wildlife section of the SOTR was reviewed. There was considerable discussion regarding the format and the following format was suggested.

Provincial level, by hydro facility

- Habitat units lost
- Acres lost
- Habitat units protected
- Net habitat units gained through enhancement (display with an \* if estimated, show with no \* if net gain is based on a follow-up HEP)
- Include any crediting concerns/issues

Subbasin level

- Location of projects
- Dollars spent for acquisition and enhancement
- Leave to pictures of focal species in
- Major limiting factors. In many cases limiting factors likely the same across subbasins, fragmentation, invasive species, hydrology

**ACTION:** We will try to have another “mock-up” by the next meeting. We need to come to closure on this issue soon.

**ITEM 4: Review Program Amendment White Papers**

**Discussion:** A brief recap of the work completed and assignments from the previous day was provided. Additional discussion surrounded the topic of biological objectives and that we may be using ecological function as a surrogate for population objectives. Also, the point was raised that HEP species are not necessarily current priority species or represent current habitat type priorities.

**ITEM 5: Sharp-tailed Grouse , Zumwalt and Precious Lands Field Tours**

**Discussion:** The remainder of the meeting was conducted in the fields where the WAC visited with ODFW to learn more about sharp-tailed grouse reintroduction and habitat challenges in the Wallow Valley, a review of the Nature Conservancy Zumwalt Prairie and Nez Perce Precious lands properties. Issues discussed included discussion of habitat objectives, credits, and O&M.

**ITEM 6: Next WAC Meetings**

(New)

**ACTION:** July WAC Meeting – July 23, 2007 at 1:00PM and the morning of the July 24<sup>th</sup> if needed in Spokane.

August WAC Meeting – August 22, 2007 from 10:00AM-3:30PM at the ODFW screen shop in The Dalles.

September WAC Meeting – Sometime the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> in Yakima, probably at the Yakama Nation Natural Resources Office. The meeting date pending the agenda for the Society for Ecological Restoration Meeting.